(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Health hazard due to drain in Dwarka

1883. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a drain passing between the rear boundary wall of DDA HIG flats, Sector-13, Pkt. B, Dwarka, and rear boundary wall of Pragati Public School is open and spreads foul smell in the DDA's residential colony and the school;

(b) whether this nallah is causing serious health hazards and is a breeding ground for mosquitoes and ill-effects on the health of residents and school children;

(c) whether this nallah is the root cause of Dengue, Malaria and other similar diseases among the inhabitants; and

(d) if so, the remedial action taken by Government to cover this nallah?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has reported that there is an open trunk drain between the rear boundary wall of DDA/ HIG flats, Sectcr-13, Pkt. B, Dwarka and rear boundary wall of Pragati Public School. This trunk drain was constructed by DDA. There is flowing water in the drain and as such no health hazard to the residents and the school children in the vicinity is being caused.

(c) and (d) The DDA has further informed that no specific case of Dengue, Malaria or similar disease due to proximity of the drain has been reported. Such drains are to be handed over to the MCD/Flood Control Department. Presently there is no provision for covering of such trunk drains.

Permission to NRIs to bid for residential plots

1884 SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to permit NRIs to make bid for residential plots in the capital;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the DDA has completed the backlog of flats/plots under various schemes;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The bidder/purchaser must be a citizen of India or a Non-Resident Indian (NRI) or a Person of Indian Origin (PIO), who is competent to enter into contract, subject to prescribed stipulations.

(c) to (e) Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has reported that 27,043 registrants are awaiting allotment of plots under the Rohini Residential Scheme 1981 and 14,741 registrants are awaiting allotment of flats under the New Pattern Registration Scheme, 1979, Ambedkar Awas Yojana, 1989 and Janta Housing Registration Scheme, 1996. The backlog is due to non-availability of sufficient number of plots/land.

Rent control legislation

1885. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the latest rent control legislation for Delhi is pending implementation for several years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether matter has been reconsidered at length, if so, the details thereof;

(d) the States where protection to tenants on the lines of Delhi Legislation is available and is not available;

(e) the consideration for which implementation of new law is being delayed; and

(f) whether Government propose to consider implementation of proposed legislation at least prospectively or from some recent date so that the vacant properties in capital could be gainfully utilized by letting out on rent?